

Building School Gardens

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Major Components of BSG



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- Improving school campuses as vital open space for Chicago residents
- Curriculum connection in the classroom to the garden
- Art as a part of the garden
- Student involvement in creating, installing and maintaining the garden



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Before Building School Gardens



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After Building School Gardens



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What School Gardens Need to be Successful*



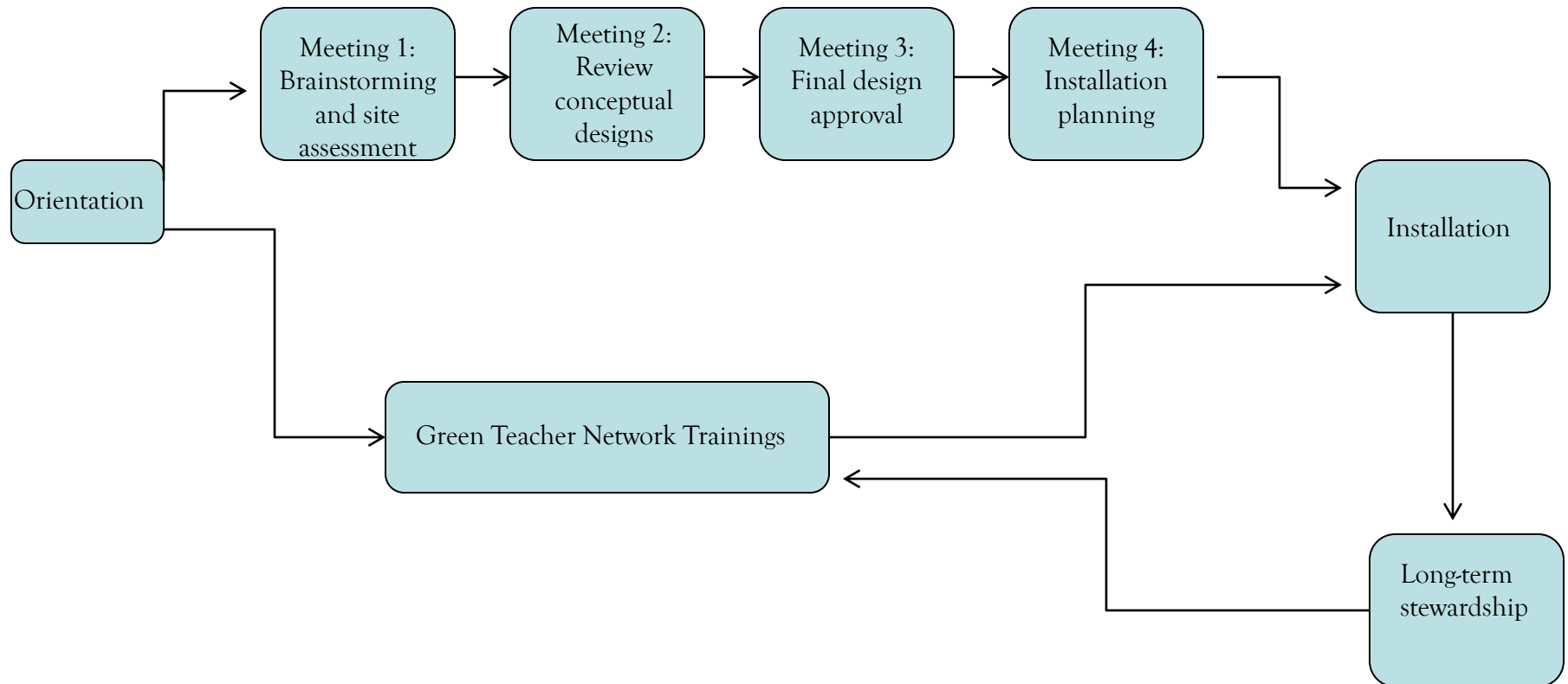
- Support from Administration.
- Support from Staff
- Community/parent involvement.
- Access to organizational support
- Funding.
- Time
- Less restrictive curricula
- Stewardship schedule.

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The Process



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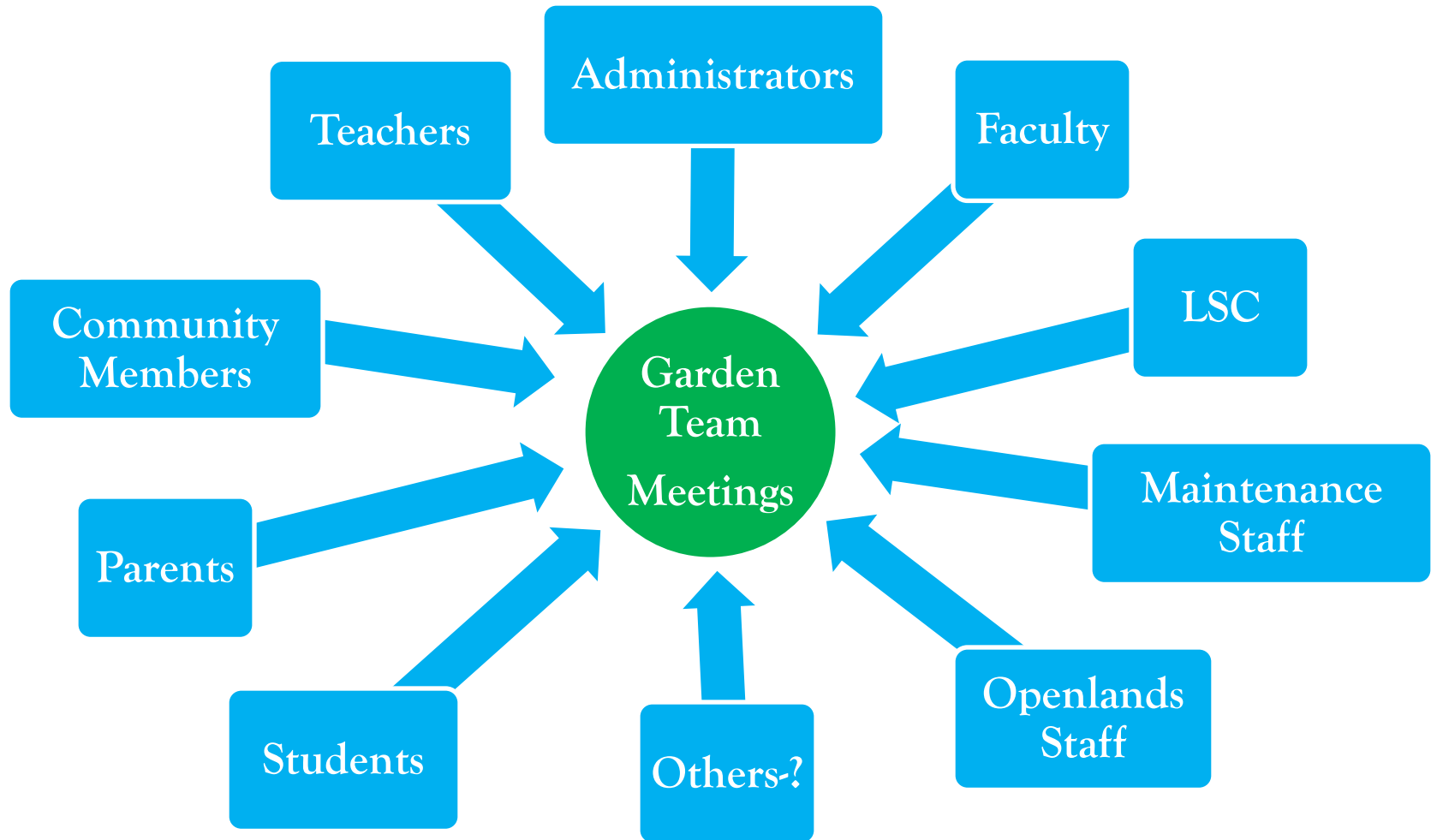


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Who is the Garden Team?



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Garden Stewardship



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- Development of a garden stewardship schedule and watering schedule.
- Post installation meetings/ workdays



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Green Teacher Network Workshops



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4 workshops per school year
Listserv membership



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After Installation



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- Maintain your garden – have a plan and recruit volunteers.
- Continue to attend Green Teacher Network meetings through the end of the school year.
- Most importantly– Enjoy and use the Garden!

